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3 July 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 3 July 1969

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Acting Director was in the chair.

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ADD/I briefed on the receipt of a request from General Maxwell Taylor for a report to PFIAB on Soviet/ChiCom aid going into Vietnam.

Acting Director noted that he is scheduled to meet with a quasi-NSC group [REDACTED] next Monday evening and is expected to provide an overview on Vietnam. He added that the DD/I should anticipate what questions might be asked and noted that the Vietnam/logistics problem and Cambodia may be raised.

ADD/I reported that the problem of assembling a handbook for the President's use in his projected trip has now been resolved. DD/I is preparing its input material, with a completion deadline of 9 July.

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D/ONE mentioned that SNIE 14-3-69, Capabilities of the Vietnamese Communists for Fighting in South Vietnam, is now in the process of final coordination and is scheduled for USIB consideration on 10 July.

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Carver, citing activity of yesterday, pointed to the problem caused by the release of raw intelligence to the President.

Maury noted that the release of sanitized versions of the Helms/Laird testimony of 23 June is momentarily hung up because of the possibility that Senator Fulbright may introduce into the record a letter (not yet in hand) of Secretary Laird's indicating that the Director supported his views. A long discussion followed on the problems created by the transcript's not containing the Director's remarks, and the ADD/I noted that, in his view, selected portions of the Director's testimony should be included in the transcript if the Laird letter is as described. Maury said that we hope to have a look at galley proofs of the transcript and pointed to the possibility that the transcript may be released in time for the 7 July papers. General Cushman noted that any quotes from the Director will have to be cleared with the Director himself and said that we should defer action until we know more about the Laird letter.

Maury noted receipt of a letter dated 1 July 1969 addressed to the Director from Senator Symington in his capacity as Chairman of the Subcommittee on United States Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad [redacted] After some discussion of the problems connected in responding to the letter, it was decided that [redacted] will have a coordinated response prepared.

Houston briefed on a visit from law enforcement officials of the Department of Justice who were requesting technical guidance on the establishment of proprietaries.

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